

COMMON SENSE



To Educate People to the Danger of Communism — In Plain Words for Plain People.
(Formerly THINK-WEEKLY)

By Mail, \$2. per Year

Newark, New Jersey

57th Issue, September 7, 1947

LET'S DISCOVER SPAIN

By Merwin K. Hart, President, National Economic Council, Inc.

Red's Objective Is to Destroy Christianity

One of the main weapons of Communists is Confusion. They use any means to confuse the world as to who the Communists are and what their real objectives are.

Armed Communist groups in Italy, in Yugoslavia, in Bulgaria and Rumania, operate under the name "Partisans" In Spain, during the revolution of 1936 and 1937, they called themselves "Loyalists" and said they were fighting Capitalists and Fascists.

The accompanying photograph, taken in Spain during the revolution, showing a Communist squad firing on a statue of Christ, leaves no doubt they are motivated mainly by a hatred of Christianity

The Communists have shown their hatred of Christ down through the years and will remove from the earth everything that reminds us of Him . . . if we sleepy Christians permit them to gain control.

At the time this picture was taken thousands of Christians in Spain were being dragged from their homes and driven through the streets; men were being herded in public squares with their families, where the women and girls were raped and many were burned alive!

This is the kind of enemy we face in America today!

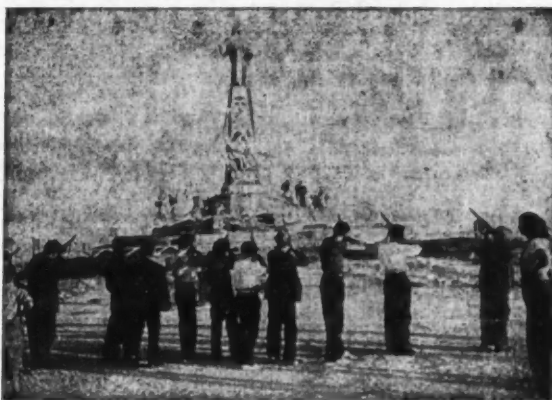
We are informed that the Director of this Communist Revolution is in the United States now. In the near future we will publish his photograph, in connection with a very startling article.

Madrid, August, 1947

Four hundred and fifty-five years ago Spain discovered America. That marked the dawn of a new day in the world. Less spectacular, but greatly beneficial to the American people, would it be for America now to discover Spain.

For America doesn't know Spain. Probably not one per cent of Americans have an intelligent understanding of what Spain is, what she stands for, what the majority of her people think about in connection with the United States.

And for this ignorance we can blame the skillful, bitter propaganda put out by Communists, their fellow-travellers and those thousands of our "liberal" intellectuals who in their writings or preachings, their columns or editorials, repeat the prattle, sometimes watered down, of the Communist Daily Worker.



BEVINS' REQUEST PROMPTS CYNICAL SUGGESTIONS

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin asks that the U. S. divide up the Fort Knox gold.

That sounds reasonable. Why not? We have wasted our other resources all over the world — lumber, oil, steel and, most of all, the lives of our boys. Why, then, should we not waste the gold?

And, by all means, let's give the secrets of the atom bomb to Russia!

Anything to make the world safe for Communism.

Since 1935, the Communists' stock name for anyone who opposes Communism has been, of course, "Fascist." So, when Franco and his government are called fascist by these gentry and their superficial fad-following friends and admirers, it amounts principally to their acknowledged, indeed boasted, anti-Communism.

Of course Franco's government has elements of the authoritarian form. But so did that of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Indeed John T. Flynn, one of America's keenest minds and greatest writers, pointed out in his book *As We Go Marching* that Roosevelt had taken the United States about four-fifths of the whole way to Italian Fascism.

Now most of those Americans who prattle against Franco range from Communists to Roosevelt New Dealers. They include the internationalists and those planning-professors in ivory towers who in their conceit feel that the whole world can and should be reorganized and reshaped by them. Incidentally they fail to see that if their planning were all carried out, there wouldn't be one-quarter the liberty left for Mr. and Mrs. American Citizen that Spaniards now enjoy under Franco.

Down to about two years ago ninety per cent of the American people took any threat of Communism as a joke. Then there began to appear the results of Roosevelt's sell-out of the American people to Soviet Russia — a betrayal the effects of which have become obvious in Europe, in Asia and in the United States.

What interests us Americans most is the betrayal in the United States. We have only to remember the Roosevelt appointment of hundreds of communists or fellow-travelers to public office; his allowing Soviet agents, some or all of them members of the MVD (successor to the NKVD), to rove about the United States and depart for home with full-time blue-prints and other information about our vital industrial plants. We have only to remember that Communists were granted commissions

(continued on page 2, col. 1)

LET'S DISCOVER SPAIN

(continued from first page)

in the Army, while some loyal native-born American citizens were denied commissions apparently for no other reason than that they had openly opposed Communism. We have to remember that Roosevelt permitted the engraving plates of American paper money to be handed over to Soviet Russia, with the result that American taxpayers will some day have to redeem upwards of 800 million dollars of these notes that were given outright to Soviet Russia. And we understand the plates are still in Soviet Russia's hands! We have only to remember these incidents and others to understand why at last millions of thinking Americans awoke to the fact that their President had been building up Soviet Russia — the greatest enemy this country ever had.

And so we understand why at last, on March 12, 1947, Roosevelt's successor, Mr. Truman, asked the Congress to appropriate 400 million dollars to stop Communism in Greece and Turkey. And Congress presently did so.

Yet in certain respects, down to the present moment, the United States, officially, is still playing Communism's game in its dealings with Soviet Russia. We betrayed into the hands of Soviet Russia the Polish ally for whom Britain went to the war in which we followed. The Polish Ambassador was Oscar Lange, once a naturalized American and a CIO official who renounced his citizenship when Soviet Russia needed him to serve its puppet government of Poland. Lange took the lead in the United Nations in a concerted drive designed to throw Franco out of Spain — and we meekly followed in the wake of Lange and Stalin! We withdrew our ambassador (or, more exactly, we did not fill the vacancy caused by Norman Armour's withdrawal) because the Soviet clique in the UN told us to do so.

And on several occasions since then some nameless spokesman in the State Department has announced that nothing has happened to change the attitude of the United States toward Spain!

* * *

Two things are happening now.

First, we Americans are making ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the world. I am not at the moment writing of the effect in Spain. I am thinking of the natural effect upon thinking men everywhere when our great Republic at this late moment permits itself to be pulled around by the nose at the instance of the Communist International — even in a situation where vital American interests are involved!

And in the second place, by letting
(continued on page 4, col. 1)

"A task without vision is drudgery . . .

The Basic Issue

AMERICAN



That is the crux of all political, so

One system, not two; Americanism

THE PRESS OF AMERICA,

cooperating with labor, with business and with the Church, by stating true facts and exposing trends, can inform all people of the true nature of what faces us and prevent our country reverting to worse than jungle law.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

can do anything if they but know the task and the facts. But they must be told. No man's judgment and vision are better than his information.

Joseph Pulitzer said "Our Republic and its Press will rise or fall together". This is a fact, not a theory. As long as we have a free, responsible press we shall have a free country. When our press becomes lax in its duties, our country is in danger. When we have a government-controlled Press, we shall have a police state, or Communism.

BECAUSE OUR PRESS FORMS PUBLIC OPINION, IT SHOULD ASK—AND ANSWER—QUESTIONS SUCH AS THESE ON THE FRONT PAGES

Does communism give any people more liberty and freedom than we have under our Constitution and Bill of Rights . . . or does it abolish such things?

Does communism give man the right to achieve his own security, or take it away?

Does communism give freedom of religion, or does it abolish churches?

Does communism give the right to trial by jury, or does it abolish justice?

Will communism give us the right to labor at what we choose, the right to save our money and go into business, the right to own a home, worship as we please, have freedom of speech and freedom to vote as we please?

Some editors may feel this is not popular reading. It had better be. Some may feel it isn't conservative policy. They should forget policy. Some may think it isn't an issue readers want to face. If it isn't, their readers are dead. Some feel such things should not be discussed. If they aren't discussed, there will be

Tear this out and re-read it — hand it to others.

This message may be reprinted by anyone, anywhere, without asking permission, all kinds of taxes. These men could very well spend substantial sums to educate the have been blocked by philosophies—trends foreign to liberty.

a day when discussion is prohibited had better be discussed freely and in the open, here and now. If it may never have another chance.

If communism versus American death matter to all Americans, have rejected our own heritage right.

OUR PRESS, AND ONLY OUR CAN HELP THE PEOPLE D

Whether the dictates of the Important Than Constitutional dom.

Whether the Voice of One Man

Whether a Communistic or a free

Whether Liberty and Justice are

Let's look at ourselves. Our system from luxuries. Our staples are being of other lands. No man in this country without carrying others to success creates wealth for himself without others. Here, the machinery of production is in the hands of millions it is in the hands of a few. Under it in the hands of one . . . in the hands

If Communism Wins, this country Who Among Us Can Say This Issue Facing Us?

Communism will wipe out all we have country, liberty and possessions. insurance policies will become w Churches will become clubs or po Savings accounts will be seized. confiscated. Radio muzzled. The one-man board. The Press will

Our Press Knows How To Mail

Our Press Should Express: Daily the Constitution. What are they? and Privileges Bestowed . . . N Away!

... Vision without a task is a dream . . . A task with vision is Victory"

Issue Facing Us Today Is Just This:

ISM or COMMUNISM!

, social and labor issues; all government controls and mandates.

ism or Communism, will gain strength. Only one will survive!



prohibited. This subject
ely and publicly right out
If it isn't done now, we
chance to do it.

ericanism isn't a life and
cans, then we the people
itage and sold our birth-

OUR PRESS E DECIDE:

the Kremlin Are More
ional Liberty and Free-

Man is Invincible.

a free world is Desirable.

ce are Preferable.

r system has made staples
re better than the luxuries
is country can be a success
uccess with him. No man
without creating wealth for
of production and wealth
ions of people. In Europe,
nder communism they are
e hands of the police state.

country will be a Hell,
This Is Not the Basic

we hold dear: God, family,
ons. Seventy million life
e worthless scrap paper.
or political bureau offices.
ed. Property will be con-
e movies controlled by a
will be out of business.

Make News Dynamic.

Daily the Dynamics of
hey? Simply the Rights
. Not What It Takes

tion. There must be many men of means who, living on borrowed time, as is the writer, have estates that will practically be confiscated in
ate the people in terms of what is really facing us and to insure for our youth the same opportunities we have enjoyed—many of which

Everything we do as a free people every hour of the day and night, is ours to do, or not to do, by Constitutional Right. From our Constitution, and from no other source, do we obtain sanctity of the home, the guarantee of right to trial by jury, protection from cruel and unjust punishment, from excessive fines, from engulment by centralized power. Our Constitution has chains only for the criminally minded among us, fetters only for those who would steal our liberty from us. The Giant Shadow of communism, a political system designed to govern former serfs of Russia and considering all people as children, or no better than cattle, moves over the entire earth. Wherever that shadow falls, all personal liberty falls. The people become slaves; despotic gangsters rule. Death, or worse than death, is the penalty for non-conformance.

It Has Been Attempted Here, Right Under the Eyes
of the Press . . . But It Hasn't Been Made Front
Page News . . . Yet.

Flying discs, divorces, murders and scandals. These are front page news. Robberies, carfares, new model automobiles—these are what the people want . . . or so think some editors. All the phases of the plot to steal the American social economy, and make all people slaves of the state, are just minor political ideas—"too sensational" for some papers and "too uninteresting" for some others.

Little by little, over the past sixteen years, communistic ideas have ben injected into government and have been eroding the liberties of the people. The New Deal made it all sound fine, on the surface. But it came within an ace of engulfing all of us in a form of socialism that is always the first step to communism.

All of Us Should Request Action of the Press . . .
Action to Preserve the American Way of Life.

There is no better way of life on the face of this earth. To most Europeans, America is a foretaste of heaven. With all our faults we still have the system that works best, to the greatest profit of the most people.

We should request . . . demand . . . of our Press that it expose every communistic idea, no matter where found. Does the new idea take any liberty away from the common man? WHO is gaining WHAT at the expense of that lost liberty?

All the Works and Plans of Communism Should Be
Pulled from Behind the Iron Curtain and into the
Bright Light of Exposure. The World Has a Commu-
nistic Cancer . . . and That is A Fact, Not a
Theory.

It serves no purpose to think how nice it would be if there was no communistic cancer. The disease is there. We need a remedy, not a palliative. We need a healthy fabric for peace. And the cure should be obvious; equal liberty, equal freedom, equal opportunity for all the people.

We Have the Cure. Our Press Can Distribute It.
We the People Can Administer It.

Just as certainly as the disease will cause a world fatality, so surely can it be cured by the common sense of the common people of this land of ours. Who has called them common? They are the most uncommon people in the world. People with enterprise, with liberty and freedom; people who can think, will think, and will act as soon as they are informed. Victory for the world . . . by virtue of a task with vision.

You Can Do This Now, Under Your Constitution
and Bill of Rights. Under Communism, You'd Be
Sent to the Salt Mines for Even Thinking of Doing
It.

WRITE to the editor of the newspaper you read. Tell him you want to see communism in its every aspect, its every threat, its every advocate in the U.S.A., exposed on the front pages. Tell him you want to see the Constitution under which we live, dramatized, that the people may know what jewels are in that oftentimes considered dry-as-dust document. The paper to which you give the loyalty of readership owes this to you. Ask for it. Demand it.

WRITE to the president of every company whose products you buy and use. Ask him to devote some of his advertising money to selling the product most precious to you . . . your rights to liberty and freedom. Without your rights protected, his rights will melt away.

WRITE to the president of every insurance company in which you have a policy. Tell him the greatest insurance advertising campaign in history is his to sell—insurance of the American way of life. Not sold in the old platitudes, but in dynamic exposure and with dramatic fact.

WRITE to the management of every business in which you have risked your own savings. Tell that management to come alive to their responsibilities to the nation, the people, and to that simple document upon which all our power and greatness rests—our Constitution.

EDWARD F. HUTTON
WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND

LET'S DISCOVER SPAIN

(continued from page 2)

the Soviet clique in the UN persist in its attack, we are letting the UN appear even more ridiculous than it has been.

Why not the facts?

There is every reason to believe Soviet Russia is pushing her plans to communize the world. Honeycombed as the United States undoubtedly is with Communist spies, torn with dissension fomented by Communist agents, we face the likelihood, if not the certainty, of being attacked by Soviet Russia in from six months to two or three years.

If we are going to have war we'll need friends. It is common to hear, on this side of the Atlantic, the opinion that if Russia wished she could overrun all Europe in six weeks. If she could win all Europe, Britain would be lost, and practically speaking only America would remain to be conquered. With America imperiled by Communist infiltration, such a degree of sabotage and demoralization could be brought about within a few days as to paralyze our own defense.

* * *

The record of the United States toward Spain in the past 11 years includes the following:

1. We permitted the Communist Party of the U.S.A., contrary to Federal statute, to recruit in 1926 several thousand members of the so-called "Abraham Lincoln Brigade." These men, furnished with passports that were forged or obtained under false pretenses, were sent to Spain to join the "International Brigade," which consisted of battalions sent by each of many Communist parties in other countries. Several years later, when the facts about this unlawful recruiting in the United States and the violations of the passport law became known, indictments were brought against many persons. But the Federal Government stepped in, at the instance of this same Communist Party influence, and quashed the indictments.

2. A few weeks ago, a number of officials of an outfit that calls itself the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee were convicted of contempt of the House of Representatives and given jail sentences by a Federal Court in Washington. They had refused to give information about their activities to a committee of the House. Several days later at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, said to have been attended by 2,000 persons, these convicted persons were treated as heroes.

They were heroes, in a sense, but more for Soviet Russia and the Communist cause than anything else. For one of the major activities of the Joint

Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was bringing Spanish revolutionaries, most of them Communistic if not actual Communists, to the United States after Franco won in 1939. These men have been agitating ever since then to involve the United States in the plan to overthrow the Franco government — an accomplishment that would make just about certain the communizing of Spain, and presently all of Europe.

Spanish refugees in the United States have in all probability had the benefit of part of the gold stolen by the Communists in 1937 from the Bank of Spain, most of which was shipped to Russia. Indeed it is entirely possible that the enormous Communist agitation in the United States in recent years has been financed through this stolen Spanish gold. The stealing of this gold (Spain in 1936 had a gold reserve of 800 million dollars — the fourth largest in the world) is a matter of common knowledge among informed persons, both in Spain and abroad. It was confirmed to me only today in Madrid in a personal talk with a leading member of the Syndicalist Party, which is opposed to both Franco and the Communists.

3. High State Department officials are said on good authority to be impressed and highly influenced by the activities, and the attendant publicity, of groups like this Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee — and by left-wing publications such as the Nation, the New Republic and PM. Since it is now known that the Roosevelt Administration for years appeased Soviet Russia in every possible way, going so far as to pressurize Hollywood to put out Communistic films, it is not surprising that our State Department, still well stocked with left-wingers, should continue the policy of hostility to the Franco government.

4. It is reported in Spain that Spaniards who desire to visit the United States are given little encouragement — that the difficulty of securing American visas is great.

5. It is believed by some persons both in the United States and Spain that many in the American administration, including the State Department, now see the unwisdom of the policy now long pursued toward Spain and would like to modify it but do not know how to do so. For hostility to Franco Spain has become almost a foundation stone of American policy.

6. The United States government at any time in the past ten years could have learned the facts about Spain by the simple method of sending competent unbiased persons to investigate. Not only has it not done this, but it seems that often the administration has

refused to listen to its own ambassadors. Instead of getting the facts, Washington has based its Spanish policy on representations that any reader could have found in the Daily Worker and PM.

* * *

In 1945 the State Department sent to our last ambassador at Madrid, Mr. Norman Armour, a copy of a hostile, offensive letter President Roosevelt had written about Franco, and instructed him to give it to the Spanish press. There is reason to believe Mr. Armour did this unwillingly. But the Spanish government refused to release it to the press. Thereupon the State Department ordered Mr. Armour to mail copies to the embassy's mailing list of some 60,000 names. Mr. Armour of course had to comply. But shortly afterward he resigned and severed all connection with the State Department.

How would an American administration and the American people have felt if some other nation had perpetrated such a cheap, shabby trick in Washington?

* * *

However, things that are done cannot be undone. What is more important, and very much to the point, is — what will American policy toward Spain be in the future?

**HERE IS AN EASY WAY
YOU CAN HELP BUILD A
MORE HEALTHY, PATRIOTIC
SENTIMENT IN AMERICA — HELP
REACH MORE PEOPLE WITH THE
TRUTH, TO DEBUNK RED PROP-
AGANDA. Send for copies of this
publication.**

No. of papers	Sent in bundle lots to you for distribution, postpaid.		Mailed to a list of names you furnish or list we have.	
1000	\$30.00	....	\$50.00	
500	15.00	....	25.00	
100	3.00	....	5.00	
50	1.50	....	2.50	
20 ....	.60	....	1.00	

Address **COMMON SENSE**,
P. O. Box 816, Newark 1, N. J.

COMMON SENSE P.O. Box 816, Newark 1, N. J.

Conde McGinley — Editor
George Crahan — Associate Editor

Subscription Rates -- Individual:

United States — \$2.00 year
Canada — 2.50 year
Foreign — 3.00 year

**Rates for Schools, Churches, Clubs,
Factories** — sent in bundles of ten
or more to one address — \$1.50 per
year each subscription.